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SUBJ: CCD: AUGUST 18 INFORMAL MEETING ON COMPREHENSIVE  
NEGOTIATING PROGRAM (CNP) AND COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

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1. SUMMARY: IN CCD AUGUST 18 INFORMAL MEETING ON A  
COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM (CNP) OF ARMS CONTROL  
MEASURES AND ON COMMITTEE PROCEDURES, A NUMBER OF DELS  
DISCUSSED NIGERIAN PROPOSAL MADE IN PLENARY (REFTEL) TO  
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ESTABLISH A CCD WORKING GROUP TO DRAFT A CNP. BURMESE  
REP COMMENTED ON COMMITTEE PROCEDURES, EMPHASIZING THE  
DESIRABILITY OF FRENCH AND CHINESE PARTICIPATION. ENSUMMARY

2. NETHERLANDS REP (MEERBURG) POSED QUESTION TO NIGERIAN  
REP ON PROPOSAL MADE IN PLENARY FOR A CCD WORKING GROUP  
TO DRAFT A CNP. HOW WOULD CCD'S WORK, NETHERLANDS REP ASKED,

BE COORDINATED WITH WORK IN THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE UNGA'S SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD) RELATED TO THE DRAFT AGENDA ITEM "ADOPTION OF A PROGRAM OF ACTION ON DISARMAMENT"? IF THERE WERE PARALLEL GROUPS WORKING ON THE SAME QUESTION, WOULD NOT THE RESULTS BE SOMEWHAT CONFUSED? IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SSOD, NETHERLANDS REP SAID, HE COULD UNDERSTAND HOW CCD WOULD WORK OUT A DRAFT PROGRAM FOR ITSELF, RECEIVE THE SSOD'S OVERALL GUIDANCE, AND THEN MAKE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS. FURTHER, NETHERLANDS REP SAID, EVENTUAL CCD NEGOTIATIONS ON A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB) AND/OR ON A CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW) BAN ARE FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN WORK ON A CNP, AND THE LATTER SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO INTERFERE.

3. NIGERIAN REP (FALASE) REPLIED THAT HE COULD NOT SEE THE DIFFICULTY. UNGA RESOLUTION 31/68 HAD ASKED THE CCD TO ADOPT A CNP, AND IT COULD NOT BE CONFUSING TO GET THE JOB DONE. IF COORDINATION IS NECESSARY WITH REGARD TO WORK BEING DONE IN NEW YORK, THAT CAN BE CARRIED OUT AS WELL.

4. FRG REP (SCHLAICH) PROPOSED ACTING ON THE NIGERIAN SUGGESTION AND CREATING A CCD WORKING GROUP ON CNP, SAYING THAT THE 1970 PROPOSAL OF SIX NONALIGNED COUNTRIES (IRELAND, MEXICO, MOROCCO, PAKISTAN, SWEDEN, YUGOSLAVIA; UNGA DOCUMENT NO. A/1891) COULD FORM THE BASIS OF WORK, AS HAD BEEN PROPOSED BY THE UK REP IN HIS AUGUST 18 PLENARY STATEMENT AND BY THE MEXICAN REP IN THE SPRING SESSION. IN ADDITION, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FRG REP STATED, THE 1961 US-SOVIET JOINT STATEMENT OF AGREED PRINCIPLES SHOULD BE USED. FRG REP SAID THAT THE WORKING GROUP COULD MEET ONCE OR TWICE DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE SUMMER SESSION, AND RESUME IN THE SPRING; OR, IF DESIRED, THE WORKING GROUP COULD SIMPLY START UP AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SPRING SESSION. IN ANY CASE, THE FRG REP STATED, THE CNP WORKING GROUP WOULD MEET ON A NOT-TO-INTERFERE BASIS WITH RESPECT TO HIGHER-PRIORITY TOPICS, SPECIFICALLY NEGOTIATIONS ON CW OR CTB.

5. CANADIAN REP (JAY) SUPPORTED PROPOSAL OF NIGERIA AND FRG AND SUGGESTED THAT A CONSENSUS FAVORING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CNP WORKING GROUP MIGHT ALREADY EXIST. JAPANESE REP (OGISO) ASKED WHETHER THE WORKING GROUP WOULD MEET DURING THE INTER-SESSIONAL PERIOD, AND WHAT WOULD BE THE TARGET DATE FOR THE COMPLETION OF ITS TASK.

6. US REP (FISHER), INDICATING THAT HE WAS NOT EXPRESSING AN OPINION ON THE MERITS OF THE PROPOSAL, SAID THAT ANY OFFICIAL DECISION SHOULD BE TAKEN AT A PLENARY MEETING, AND THAT THE TOPIC COULD BE DISCUSSED ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 23. FURTHER, HE SAID, THIS WOULD PROVIDE TIME TO CONSIDER THE

PROPOSAL, WHICH WOULD BE MORE IN ACCORD WITH CCD'S NORMAL PRACTICE.

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7. CHAIRMAN-OF-THE DAY (SALEEM, PAKISTAN) AGREED WITH PROCEDURAL REMARKS OF US REP, SUGGESTING TO DELS OF NIGERIAN, FRG, AND CANADA THAT THE MATTER BE RAISED IN A PLENARY MEETING.

8. BURMESE REP (U THET TUN), ADDRESSING THE QUESTION OF THE COMMITTEE'S ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES, DECLARED THAT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA FOR CCD MEMBERS TO START THINKING ABOUT THE ATTITUDE OF THE SSOD REGARDING CCD, AND ABOUT WHAT STRATEGY THE COMMITTEE SHOULD ADOPT. AS FOR HIMSELF, HE WOULD EXPECT A GREAT DEAL OF CRITICISM, ALMOST AN  
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ONSLAUGHT, EXPRESSING DISSATISFACTION WITH THE ROLE AND PERFORMANCE OF THE CCD.

9. SINCE 1962, BURMESE REP STATED, THE TIME AT WHICH THE BASIC STRUCTURE OF THE COMMITTEE HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED, THERE HAVE BEEN MAJOR CHANGES IN THE INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT RELATING TO ARMS CONTROL: LARGER AND MORE VARIED NUCLEAR ARSENALS; INCREASED LEVELS OF CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENTS; AN UNDERLYING TENDENCY TOWARD NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION; THE POSSIBILITY OF A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE SUPERPOWERS. ACCORDINGLY, BURMESE REP SAID, THE BASIC STRUCTURE OF THE CCD IS SUBJECT TO QUESTION.

10. AS A NEGOTIATING BODY, BURMESE REP SAID, CCD IS OF NECESSITY A COMPROMISE BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY. IN HIS VIEW, THIRTY-ONE MEMBERS IS ABOUT THE IDEAL SIZE, AND THE COMMITTEE IS FAIRLY REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE PURPOSES IT WAS DESIGNED TO FULFILL. ON THE OTHER HAND, BURMESE REP DECLARED, CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE NOT FAVORED THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE, SUFFICIENT POLITICAL WILL HAS BEEN LACKING, AND MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRODUCTIVE WORK HAVE BEEN LOST.

11. RECOUNTING THAT IT HAD TAKEN UNESCO THIRTY YEARS TO CREATE AN EFFECTIVE NEGOTIATING BODY, AND TWELVE YEARS IN THE CASE OF UNCTAD, BURMESE REP EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE A PITY IF CCD WERE NOT TO SURVIVE, BUT THAT IN ANY CASE MODIFICATIONS ARE NECESSARY. THE MOST IMPORTANT STEP, BURMESE REP DECLARED, WOULD BE TO INCREASE CCD'S REPRESENTATIVENESS BY BRINGING IN THE NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES (NWS) WHICH PRESENTLY DO NOT PARTICIPATE (FRANCE, CHINA). IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE THIS, BURMESE REP INDICATED, THEN THE US-SOVIET CO-CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAVE TO BE ABOLISHED. IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE THIS, BURMESE REP SAID, THEN PERHAPS IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO CREATE SOME UN DISARMAMENT BODY. THE FIRST COMMITTEE OF THE UNGA, BURMESE REP DECLARED, COULD NOT SERVE THIS PURPOSE, BECAUSE IT IS TOO CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH OTHER POLITICAL ISSUES AS WELL; IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO REVIVE THE UN DISARMAMENT COMMISSION.

12. SINCE NO DELEGATION EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN STATING ITS VIEWS AT A SUBSEQUENT INFORMAL MEETING ON CNP AND COMMITTEE PROCEDURES, NO FURTHER INFORMAL MEETING ON THESE SUBJECTS WAS SCHEDULED. VANDEN HEUVEL

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